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Evansville, on important legal busi- judgment in abeyance for a few days, ness, and while at dinner, I was ap- I shall offer proof of the falsity of proached by a representative of the all these charges. I believe I can er things called my attention to an of the trusts and the most bitter enarticle which recently appeared emy of farmers' organizations and in the Saturday Evening Post, on of the tobacco organization in par-August 3, and to other similar arti-ticular, that these statements are cles usually emanating in the East, either untrue or that the little truth portraying in lurid colors a state of they contain is perverted and exaganarchy and warfare in Kentucky. gerated. These papers have claimed that this As to the charge so flippantly and deplored state of affairs exists all so repeatedly made that the night part. In describing this horrible my speeches are of an incendiary condition both the New York Sun character and dangerous, and that language, "Because of it men sit by creants from the most convenient night with rifles in their hands to tree, don't burn their property, guard their crops and barns; because don't ravage their fields," and that of it, cities have been called to arms this "is the kind of advice which exevery night in nineteen counties in it is hardly necessary, in the face of Kentucky and Tennessee men sleep five long years in the public eye, to in a word it has driven peace from unwarranted by any character of the land."

this I said:

co company, that that company is terably for the speedy, impartial controlled by the same clique who and rigid enforcement of the law own the Standard Oil company, and no matter whether it be violated by is in fact a part of the Standard Oil friend or foe, trust or farmer. company's holdings." In a word, I So well was my position upon this contained in the Saturday Evening been expressed, that prior to the so-Post of August 3, and the recent edi called night riding, when there was torial of the New York Sun, and oth- for the first time talk of apprehener similiar articles in as far as they sion of violence, or depredation in describe conditions in my district the dark tobacco district, that Felix and in my State are gross exaggera- Ewing, chairman of the executive tions and that the Standard Oil com- committee, and the moving spirit of pany is the power behind the throne the Dark Tobacco Association, telein the American Tobacco Trust, by phoned me to come up to his home both of which statements I unequivo- on the night of Nov. 5, 1905. He was cally stand.

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company, and that the two companies of the supplementary of the suppleme have acted in unison to suppress the farmer and to destroy his means to exist, was made by me not only in a little interview at Evansville, but more than once on the floor of the Federal Congress, and this is the first Explains His Evansville time that that statement has ever been questioned or challenged.

As to the truth of the statements in these highly pictorial and sensational stories that are being scattered broadcast over the country, especially the article contained in the Saturday Evening Post, of August 3 I have this to say: that in that article there is not one solitary statement that is not absolutely incorrect or grossly exaggerated, and it was about such articles especially that I was interviewed.

This interview affords me no opportunity to go into detail in correcting the statements made in such Henderson Evening Journal, Aug. articles. If those who most severely 18, 1907.—A short time ago while in criticise me will kindly hold their Evansville Courier, who, among oth- convince the most earnest apologist

over the dark tobacco district of riders are my clients, that I am an which my Congressional district is a apologist for the lawless, and that and Saturday Evening Post use this in effect I cry "Don't hang the misto resist threatened attacks and des- perience teaches is susceptible of a truction of property; because of it double interpretation," I feel that with bolts drawn, windows barred answer not exactly a charge, but an and weapons within reach. It has insinuation. An inference utterly created unrest, suspicion and terror; unfounded in fact and absolutely interpretation which can be put up-In speaking of such effusions as on any utterance of mine. It is not necessary at this late day that I "That the many stories of that na- should come to my constituents or to ture which have been sent over the the people of the press of this state country were written by the subsi- and declare that always I have stood dized agents of the American Tabac- absolutely, unequivocally and unal-

now charge that such articles as that question known, and so often had it then at Glenraven upon a bed of The statement that the Standard sickness, to which unfortunately he Oil company is one of the heaviest is still confined. He requested me to holders in the American Tobacco go to Springfield in the very heart of the ark Tobacco Grovers' district, and on the following day to address an immense gathering of planters at that place. He said to me above a'l things, "I wish to prevent any act of lawlessness which may be even remotely attributed to this organization, and I have sent for you because I believe that you will most strongly reprehend any Ever Made act of that character. The association will have a stenographer who tion will have a stenographer who will take your speech and I shall, if possible, put a copy of it into the hands of every member of this association."

In obedience to that call, among other things, I said:

"I am here to speak no word of

sympathy or leve for the trust, but I will say to the free-born farmers of Robertson county that there is one thing you must respect, and that is the law. I want to say safe, no woman's honor is sacred. Your safety by night and your inde- are sorry he doesn't come oftener pendence by day is dependent upon than once in twenty years. Wholesale and Retail Grocers. law. I have no patience with mobs. There is but or a instance on earth

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